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Border Patrol Agents Rescue Boater *Agents responding to distress call save life*

La Jolla, California - U.S. Border Patrol agents working off the coast of Point Loma are credited with saving a life Saturday afternoon when they responded to a distress call and provided emergency medical assistance.

The victim, a 53-year-old man from Carlsbad, was aboard a 47-foot sailboat when he began experiencing chest pains and difficulty breathing. According to witnesses, the victim was losing consciousness and was unresponsive. Agents working with the Border Patrol's "Marine Interdiction Unit" quickly answered a distress call from others on board. After arriving at the scene, agents provided medical aid, administered oxygen, and monitored the victim's condition while relaying the information to paramedics. A U.S. Coast Guard boat transported the victim and responding Border Patrol agents to an ambulance waiting at the Harbor Police docks.

The victim, who was treated at an area hospital, credits the agents with saving his life, saying that he thought he was going to die until they arrived and began emergency medical treatment. U.S. Coast Guard personnel praised the Border Patrol's Marine Interdiction Unit for their quick response and heroic actions.

All Border Patrol agents receive extensive first aid and first response training. Agents assigned to the Marine Interdiction Unit receive additional training in water survival, boating safety, and emergency response.

To report illegal or suspicious activity, the Marine Interdiction Unit can be contacted by phone at 619-557-6258.

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